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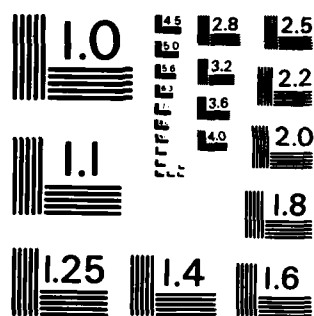
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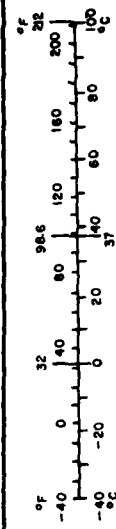
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| p  | pint                   | 0.47                       | liters              | m <sup>3</sup>                               | cubic meters                      | 35                | cubic feet             |
| qt   | quart                  | 0.95                       | liters              | m <sup>3</sup>                               | cubic meters                      | 1.3               | cubic yards            |
| gal  | gallon                 | 3.8                        | liters              |  |                                   |                   |                        |
| cu ft                                      | cubic feet             | 0.03                       | cubic meters        |  |                                   |                   |                        |
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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As a result of a cargo compartment fire that occurred in a Saudi Arabian Airlines L-1011, full-scale tests determined that current federal regulations (FAR 25.853 and 25.855) do not reflect the burn-through resistance requirements of class D cargo compartment liners subjected to realistic fires. This report describes a more severe laboratory test for class D liner materials.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) standard 2-gallon/hour burner was adapted to measure the burn-through resistance of aircraft cargo compartment lining materials. This laboratory test was selected because of its severe fire exposure conditions, which reflect the fire intensity measured in the full-scale class D tests. A 5-minute test duration is adequate to evaluate the performance of these materials, since the full-scale results indicated that class D cargo compartment fires will produce severe fire exposure conditions for only several minutes. Beyond this time, the fire diminishes to a smoldering state due to oxygen starvation.

One series of tests was conducted with the 2-gallon/hour burner oriented horizontally and the test sample oriented vertically. This series produced fire exposure conditions slightly greater than those measured by Blake and Hill, "Fire Containment Characteristics of Aircraft Class D Cargo Compartments" (reference 1).

A second series of tests was conducted with the 2-gallon/hour burner oriented vertically. Two test samples were mounted in a metal frame simulating a ceiling/sidewall assembly. Fire exposure settings to duplicate peak conditions measured during full-scale tests are 1700° F and 8.0 Btu/ft<sup>2</sup>-s at 8 inches above the exit of the burner cone (where the ceiling test sample is located). Also, good repeatability was achieved with these exposure conditions. "Pass" criteria for class D cargo compartment lining materials using the 2-gallon/hour burner laboratory test should be: Materials that must prevent burn-through for 5 minutes, and peak temperatures at 4 inches above the upper surface of a horizontal test sample should not exceed 400° F.

Based on results with this laboratory test, the following conclusions were made:

1. Fiberglass lining materials provide sufficient protection to prevent burn-through for class D type cargo compartment fires.
2. Nomex™ and Kevlar™ lining materials do not provide sufficient protection to prevent burn-through for class D type cargo compartment fires.
3. Both ceiling and sidewall class D cargo compartment lining materials should be burn-through resistant.
4. The modified 2-gallon/hour burner is a more suitable burn-through test than FAR 25.853 and 25.855.

## INTRODUCTION

### PURPOSE.

The purpose of this project was to design and develop a laboratory test method relevant to the fire containment characteristics of aircraft class D cargo compartment lining materials and suitable for materials qualification testing.

### BACKGROUND.

Full-scale tests have been conducted by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), utilizing various aircraft cargo compartment lining materials installed in a simulated class D cargo compartment (reference 1). Current Federal Air Regulations (FAR's) 25.853 and 25.855 (reference 2) govern the flammability and burn-through resistance requirements of these materials, respectively. These FAR's specify use of the vertical and 45° bunsen burner test methods. A Nomex<sup>™</sup> cargo lining material, such as that found in the C-3 cargo compartment of the Lockheed L-1011 aircraft, passes the flammability and burn-through resistance requirements of these two test methods. However, this same Nomex cargo lining material tested under realistic full-scale fire conditions produced burn-through in each test. It was concluded that the test methods specified in FAR 25.853 and 25.855 do not reflect the burn-through resistance of class D cargo liners subjected to realistic fires (reference 1). A more severe laboratory test was needed to subject class D cargo compartment lining materials to realistic fire conditions, such as those found in the full-scale tests (reference 1), in order to evaluate the burn-through resistance of the lining materials.

### TEST MATERIALS.

Four different types of cargo lining material were obtained for testing purposes: One woven fiberglass/polyester liner, one layered (nonwoven) fiberglass/epoxy liner, one Nomex/epoxy liner, and four Kevlar<sup>™</sup>/epoxy liners. Two of these seven materials, the Nomex/epoxy liner and the woven fiberglass/polyester liner, were previously tested under simulated full-scale conditions (reference 1). A detailed description of these materials is found in appendix A.

## DISCUSSION

### GENERAL APPROACH.

The 2-gallon/hour kerosene burner used in the FAA "Standard Fire Test Apparatus" (reference 3) was found to be a suitable laboratory fire source for characterization of the burn-through resistance of aircraft class D cargo compartment lining materials. As the original Lennox burner (figures 1, 2, and 3) is no longer commercially available, it was necessary to find an acceptable replacement. An attempt to purchase a Carlin 200 CRD burner (reference 4) proved futile as it is also being phased out of production. A suitable replacement burner was fabricated by Park Oil Burner, Atlantic City, New Jersey to the "Standard" burner specifications, appendix B.

The Park Oil burner was initially oriented with the burner cone positioned horizontally. A vertical sample mounting stand was fabricated (figure 4) to position a

cargo lining material at 4 inches from the burner cone. Calibration tests were performed and the heat output of the burner was found to be a minimum of 4500 Btu/hour, transferred to a 1/2-inch copper tube as specified in reference 3. Additional calibration was performed using temperature and heat flux measurements. All temperature measurements were made using Thermoelectric chromel-alumel Ceramocouples<sup>™</sup> (nominal OD 1/16"). The burner intake air damper was adjusted to produce a minimum of 1850° F through a 7-inch horizontal line, 1 inch above the centerline of the burner cone and at a distance of 4 inches (figure 5). This temperature pattern was generated with 11 thermocouples mounted in a steel angle bracket (figure 6) to check for compliance with this temperature calibration procedure. Heat flux measurements using a Thermogage, Model 1000-1 water-cooled calorimeter produced approximately 10 Btu/ft<sup>2</sup>-s at the 4-inch distance. The calorimeter was mounted as shown in figure 7 and clamped to the test sample mounting stand.

As full-scale cargo compartment fire test results became available (reference 1), it became apparent that the temperature grid produced with the burner cone oriented horizontally appeared to be approximately 300° F higher than the maximum temperature actually measured on the liner surface in the full-scale tests. Also, the heat flux level created by the burner was approximately 1.5 to 2.0 Btu/ft<sup>2</sup>-s higher than the maximum full-scale test values. Full-scale tests also showed that class D cargo compartment fires will produce these intense fire exposure conditions for no longer than several minutes. Beyond this time, the fire conditions diminished to a smoldering state, due to oxygen starvation. Based on these data, it was concluded that a 5-minute fire exposure with the 2-gallon/hour burner was sufficient to evaluate class D compartment lining materials.

In order to achieve the levels of temperature and heat flux measured in the full-scale tests, the burner cone sample distance was increased beyond the standardized setting (reference 3). However, as this was accomplished, the temperature and heat flux levels produced by the burner rapidly diminished while fluctuation of these measurements widely increased. This was due to the sharp bend in the pattern of the flame exiting the burner cone.

It was found that more invariant temperature and heat flux levels could be obtained with the burner oriented vertically. The sample mounting stand was then modified to accommodate horizontal placement (simulated ceiling) of the sample above the burner cone (figure 8). In addition, provisions were made for vertical sample mounting (simulated sidewall) at a right angle, with attachment to the horizontal sample, to form a ceiling sidewall arrangement. The sample holder frame was fabricated with 1- x 1-inch angle iron to hold two 16- by 25-inch cargo liner samples (sidewall and ceiling). This fixture forms a perimeter mount for ease of sample attachment. An 8-inch burner cone-to-ceiling sample distance was found to produce approximately 8.0 to 8.5 Btu/ft<sup>2</sup>-s and a minimum of 1700° F through a 7-inch horizontal line on the surface of the cargo liner facing the burner. These are the maximum heat flux and temperature levels, respectively, that were measured in the full-scale tests (reference 1). Calibration heat flux measurement is achieved by mounting the calorimeter assembly (figure 9) in place of the horizontal ceiling sample. Calibration temperature measurement is achieved by mounting the thermocouple assembly (figure 10) in place of the horizontal ceiling sample.

#### TEST MEASUREMENTS.

Tests were documented by 16mm motion picture, 35mm motorized still, and video tape. Burn-through time was visually determined for all tests. For tests with the burner

cone oriented vertically, temperature and heat flux levels were measured 4 inches above the top surface of the horizontal ceiling liner. This dimension was arbitrarily selected as being representative of one-third to one-half the vertical distance from a cargo compartment ceiling liner to the passenger cabin floor above. All tests were conducted in a well-ventilated room; however, the draft effect did not affect or compromise the test results.

## TEST RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

The first series of tests was conducted utilizing the 2-gallon/hour burner with the burner cone oriented horizontally, 4 inches from a test sample.

All seven cargo lining materials were tested in this series. The results from these tests are presented in table 1. In these early 5-minute tests, the advantage that the fiberglass liner had over the Nomex/epoxy liner (figure 11) became apparent. Observation of the backside of the sample indicated that the resin on the woven fiberglass liner ignited and continued flaming until there was no resin left. Only the fiberglass cloth fabric remained, which effectively prevented burn-through. When the nonwoven fiberglass/epoxy liner initially ignited, a Tedlar™ finish showered flaming drippings. The epoxy resin then continued flaming until it was gone, leaving a lattice-like structure of fiberglass that prevented complete burn-through. However, both the Nomex/epoxy and Kevlar/epoxy liner materials began to shrink when the flame was applied and then split open allowing the fire to penetrate and consume the remaining liner material. For these tests, the burner was removed shortly after burn-through was visually detected. The Nomex/epoxy liner burned through in 8 seconds and the Kevlar/epoxy liners burned through from 12 to 38 seconds, depending on sample thickness.

A second series of tests was conducted utilizing the 2-gallon/hour burner with the burner cone oriented vertically, 8 inches below a horizontal (ceiling) sample and 2 inches from a vertical (sidewall) sample. Seven tests were performed with various combinations of the seven cargo lining materials. The results from these tests are presented in table 2. These 5-minute tests also showed the advantage of a fiberglass liner over a Nomex or Kevlar liner subjected to fire exposure conditions similar to those measured in the full-scale tests (reference 1). Table 3 includes the heat flux and temperature level measurements for these seven tests. Following is a detailed description of these seven tests.

Test 1 consisted of two nonwoven fiberglass/epoxy samples mounted in the horizontal and vertical sample holders. The test duration was 5 minutes. The calorimeter at 4 inches above the backside of the sample measured a peak heat flux of 5.4 Btu/ft<sup>2</sup>-s at 15 seconds into the test. The rise in heat flux was due to flaming of the Epoxy resin. After the resin was consumed, the heat flux leveled off at 1.5 Btu/ft<sup>2</sup>-s. This heat flux is attributed to heat leakage through the fiberglass. The peak temperature measured during this test coincided with peak heat flux measurements. The temperature measurement at 4 inches above the ceiling sample gave a good indication of the burn-through resistance of this fiberglass lining material. Figure 12 is a sequence of pictures from this test.

Test 2 consisted of two woven fiberglass/polyester samples mounted in the horizontal and vertical sample holders. The test duration was 5 minutes. The calorimeter

TABLE 1. SERIES ONE (VERTICAL SAMPLE ONLY) LABORATORY TEST RESULTS

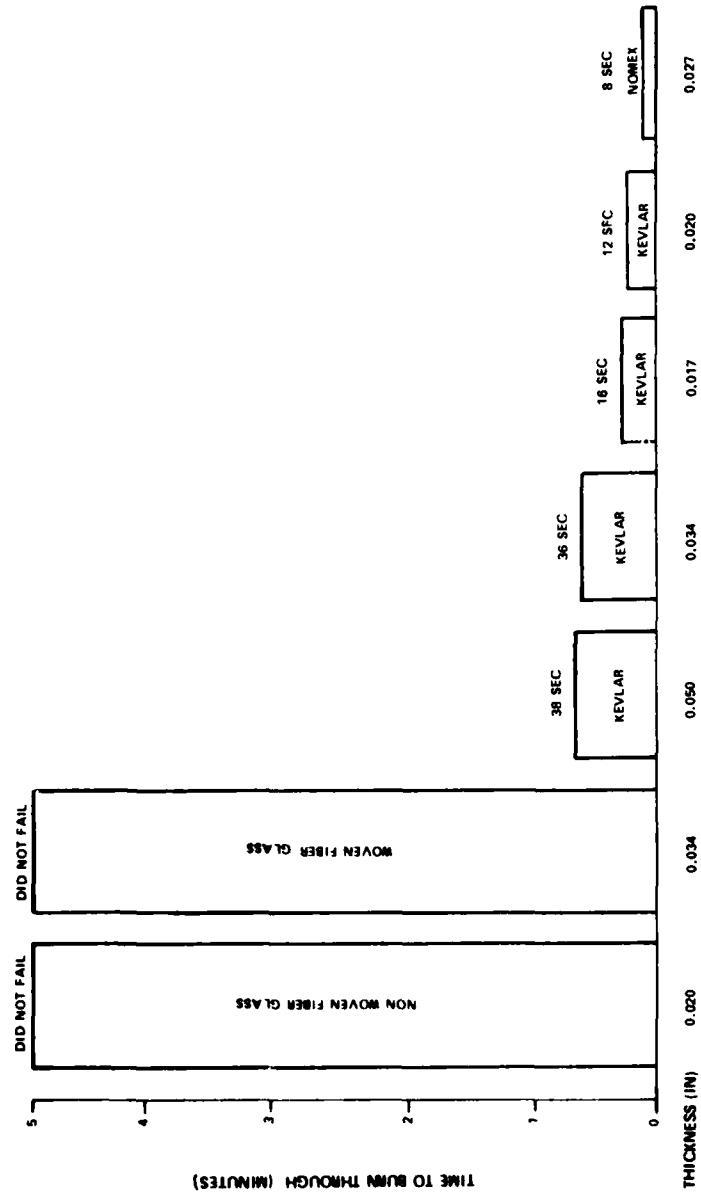


TABLE 2. SERIES TWO (HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL SAMPLES) LABORATORY TEST RESULTS

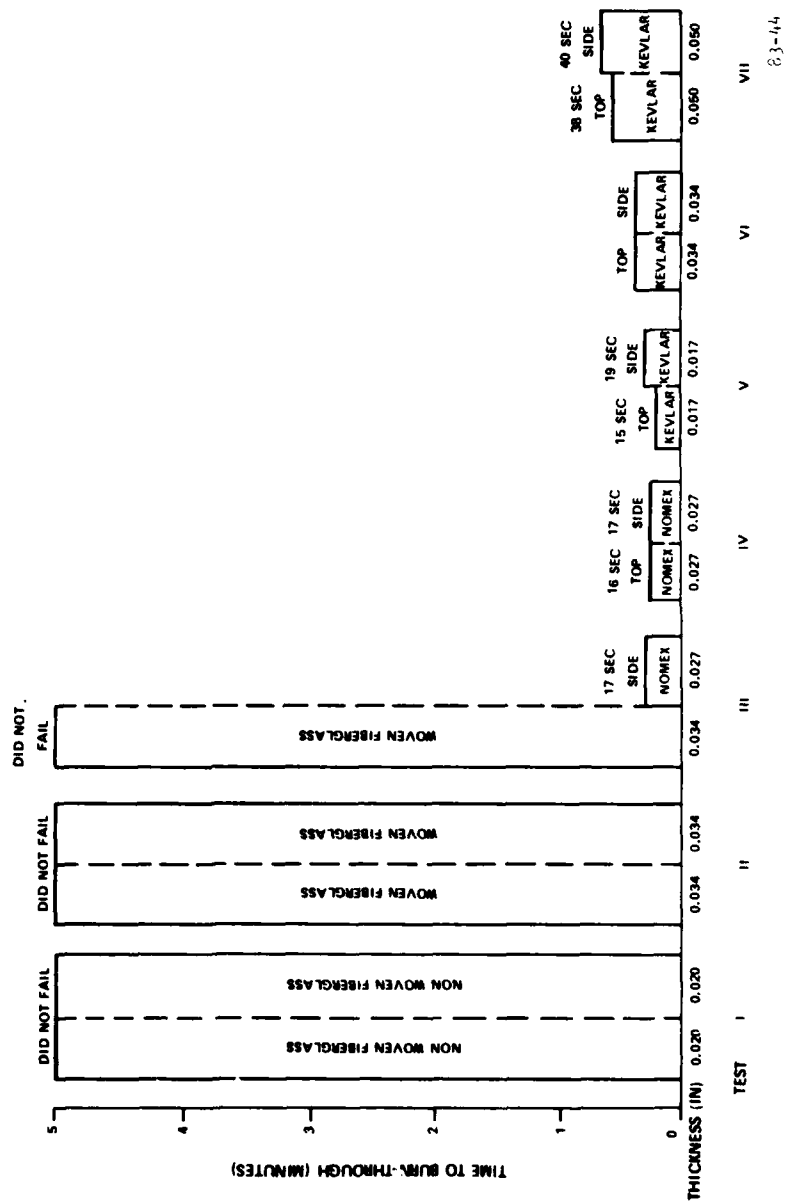




TABLE 3. SERIES TWO HEAT FLUX AND TEMPERATURE MEASUREMENT RESULTS

| TEST | MATERIAL                |                         | DURATION<br>SEC. | TIME TO BURN THRU  |                    | HEAT FLUX    |                         | PEAK TEMP.<br>(°F) | COMMENTS   |
|------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--|
|      | TOP                     | SIDE                    |                  | TOP (SEC)          | SIDE (SEC)         | PEAK (SEC)   | (BTU/FTS)<br>AFTER PEAK |                    |  |
| 1    | Non-Woven<br>Fiberglass | Non-Woven<br>Fiberglass | 300              | No Burn<br>Through | No Burn<br>Through | 5.4<br>@ 15  | 1.5                     | 363                |  |
| 2    | Woven<br>Fiberglass     | Woven<br>Fiberglass     | 300              | No Burn<br>Through | No Burn<br>Through | 1.4<br>@ 87  | .8                      | 270                |  |
| 3    | Woven<br>Fiberglass     | Nomex                   | 300              | No Burn<br>Through | 17                 | 3.2<br>@ 30  | 1.0                     | 520                |  |
| 4    | Nomex                   | Nomex                   | 20               | 16                 | 17                 | 8.0<br>@ 18  | -                       | 1700               |  |
| 5    | Kevlar<br>.017"         | Kevlar<br>.017"         | 20               | 15                 | 19                 | 8.5<br>@ 18  | -                       | 1825               |  |
| 6    | Kevlar<br>.034"         | Kevlar<br>.034"         | 35               | -                  | -                  | -            | -                       | 1775               | Horizontal Sample<br>Pulled out of<br>holder; test<br>terminated @ 22 sec. |
| 7    | Kevlar<br>.050"         | Kevlar<br>.050"         | 40               | 38                 | 40                 | 10.2<br>@ 39 | -                       | 1810               |  |

measured a peak heat flux of  $1.4 \text{ Btu/ft}^2\text{-s}$  of 87 seconds into the test. The rise in heat flux was due to pyrolysis of the polyester resin. After the resin was consumed the heat flux leveled off at  $0.8 \text{ Btu/ft}^2\text{-s}$ . A peak temperature of  $270^\circ \text{F}$  was measured just before the end of the test. The polyester resin pyrolyzed but did not ignite on the upper surface of the horizontal sample. The woven fiberglass/polyester liner appeared to be more effective in preventing heat buildup on the backside of the ceiling and sidewall samples than the nonwoven fiberglass/epoxy. Figure 13 is a sequence of pictures from this test.

Test 3 consisted of a woven fiberglass/polyester sample mounted in the horizontal sample holder and a Nomex/epoxy sample mounted in the vertical sample holder. The test duration was 5 minutes. Burn-through occurred on the vertical sample (Nomex) at 17 seconds into the test. Flames which penetrated the failed Nomex sample ignited the upper surface of the fiberglass sample causing a higher recorded peak heat flux. The results of this test show what can happen when only the ceiling liner in a Nomex/epoxy lined cargo compartment is replaced with a fiberglass/polyester liner. The fiberglass cloth remained intact throughout the 5 minutes of fire exposure. The Nomex sample was extensively damaged as shown in the sequence of pictures in figure 14. The peak temperature of  $520^\circ \text{F}$  was recorded at 20 seconds into the test for the thermocouple adjacent to the calorimeter. This peak temperature is attributed to resin ignition only. The advantage of the woven fiberglass/polyester liner over the Nomex/epoxy liner is apparent in this ceiling-sidewall comparison test. These extreme conditions are due to complete failure of the sidewall test liner.

Test 4 consisted of two Nomex/epoxy samples mounted in the horizontal and vertical sample holders. The test duration was 20 seconds. Burn-through occurred on the horizontal and vertical samples at 16 and 17 seconds into the test, respectively. A peak heat flux of  $8.0 \text{ Btu/ft}^2\text{-s}$  was measured by the calorimeter at 18 seconds into the test. The lack of burn-through resistance of the Nomex/epoxy liner is easily determined in this short duration test. A peak temperature of  $1700^\circ \text{F}$  was recorded at the time the burner flame was turned off. Figure 15 is a sequence of pictures from this test.

Test 5 consisted of two Kevlar/epoxy samples (0.017-inch thickness) mounted in the horizontal and vertical sample holders. The test duration was 20 seconds. Burn-through occurred on the horizontal sample at 15 seconds into the test. Burn-through occurred on the vertical sample at 19 seconds into the test. A peak heat flux of  $8.5 \text{ Btu/ft}^2\text{-s}$  was measured by the calorimeter at 18 seconds into the test. A peak temperature of  $1720^\circ \text{F}$  was recorded at the time the burner flame was turned off. The Kevlar/epoxy liner material in this test exhibited comparable lack of burn-through resistance with that of the Nomex/epoxy liner test. Figure 16 is a sequence of pictures from this test.

Test 6 consisted of two Kevlar/epoxy samples (0.034-inch thickness) mounted in the horizontal and vertical sample holders. Test duration was 35 seconds. At 24 seconds into the test the horizontal sample pulled out of the sample holder and flames penetrated to the upper surface. The test was terminated shortly thereafter. Figure 17 includes a sequence of pictures from this test. Flame penetration can be seen in this figure where the sample pulled away from the mounting frame.

Test 7 consisted of two Kevlar/epoxy samples (0.050-inch thickness) mounted in the horizontal and vertical sample holders. Test duration was 40 seconds.

Burn-through occurred in the horizontal sample at 38 seconds into the test. Burn-through occurred in the vertical sample at 40 seconds into the test. The calorimeter measured a peak heat flux of 10.2 Btu/ft<sup>2</sup>-s at 39 seconds into the test. A peak temperature of 1900° F was recorded at the time the burner flame was turned off. Figure 18 is a sequence of pictures from this test. There appears to be a slight advantage of using a Kevlar/epoxy, liner which is nearly three times the thickness of the Kevlar/epoxy sample in test 5. However, even the thicker Kevlar/epoxy liner cannot prevent burn-through.

Replicate tests were performed for tests 1 through 4. Good repeatability was demonstrated with these tests. Data for these tests are found in table 4. Due to an insufficient amount of test materials it was impossible to perform replicate tests of the Kevlar/epoxy samples.

TABLE 4. SERIES TWO REPLICATE TEST RESULTS

| TEST | MATERIAL<br>TOP         | SIDE                    | DURATION<br>SEC. | BURNTHROUGH<br>TOP<br>(SEC.) | SIDE<br>(SEC.)     | TEMP<br>°F | COMMENTS        |
|------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------|-----------------|
| 1 A  | Non Woven<br>Fiberglass | Non Woven<br>Fiberglass | 300              | No Burn<br>Through           | No Burn<br>Through | 363        |                 |
| B    | "                       | "                       | 300              | "                            | "                  | 268        |                 |
| C    | "                       | "                       | 180              |                              |                    |            | Sample Fell Out |
| 2 A  | Woven<br>Fiberglass     | Woven<br>Fiberglass     | 300              | "                            | "                  | 270        |                 |
| B    | "                       | "                       | 300              | "                            | "                  | 274        |                 |
| C    | "                       | "                       | 300              | "                            | "                  | 284        |                 |
| 3 A  | "                       | Nomex                   | 300              | "                            | 17                 | 520        |                 |
| B    | "                       | "                       | 300              | "                            | 21                 | 489        |                 |
| C    | "                       | "                       | 300              | "                            | 18                 | 559        |                 |
| 4 A  | Nomex                   | "                       | 20               | 16                           | 17                 | 1800       |                 |
| B    | "                       | "                       | 20               | 12                           | 18                 | 1750       |                 |
| C    | "                       | "                       | 20               | 14                           | 20                 | 1780       |                 |

#### SUMMARY OF RESULTS

1. When set at peak fire exposure conditions measured in full-scale tests, the 2-gallon/hour burner produced burn-through in Nomex/epoxy (0.027-inch thickness) cargo compartment lining materials in less than 20 seconds.

2. This laboratory test produced burn-through in a Kevlar/epoxy (0.050-inch thickness) aircraft cargo compartment lining material in less than 40 seconds.

3. This laboratory test produced burn-through in a Kevlar/epoxy (0.017-inch thickness) aircraft cargo compartment lining material in less than 20 seconds.

4. This laboratory test did not produce burn-through in a nonwoven fiberglass/epoxy (0.020-inch thickness) or in a woven fiberglass/polyester (0.034-inch thickness) aircraft cargo compartment lining material during a 5-minute fire exposure.

5. Replicate laboratory tests of fiberglass and Nomex cargo lining materials produced consistent test results.

6. When burn-through occurred on a ceiling and sidewall mount combination, peak temperatures of approximately 1800° F were recorded at 4 inches above the horizontally mounted sample.

7. When burn-through did not occur on a ceiling and sidewall mount combination, peak temperatures did not exceed 400° F at 4 inches above the horizontally mounted sample.

8. When burn-through did not occur on a ceiling mounted sample but did occur on a sidewall mounted sample, peak temperatures did not exceed 600° F at 4 inches above the horizontally mounted sample.

#### CONCLUSIONS

1. The Federal Aviation Administration standard 2-gallon/hour burner can provide fire exposure conditions and cargo liner burn-through results that reflect those found in full-scale class D cargo compartment testing. A 5-minute test is adequate to evaluate the performance of these materials based on full-scale test results.

2. This laboratory test is superior to the vertical and 45° bunsen burner tests specified in FAR 25.853 and 25.855 for evaluating the flammability and burn-through resistance of cargo compartment fires.

3. Based on results with this laboratory test, fiberglass lining materials provide sufficient protection to prevent burn-through to class D type cargo compartment fires.

4. Based on results with this laboratory test, a woven fiberglass liner was superior to a nonwoven fiberglass liner.

5. Based on results with this laboratory test, Nomex™ and Kevlar™ lining materials do not provide sufficient protection to prevent burn-through for class D type cargo compartment fires.

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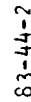
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FIGURE 1. PHOTOGRAPH OF 2-GALLON/HOUR KEROSENE BURNER



**FIGURE 2. LENNOX OB-32 OIL BURNER**

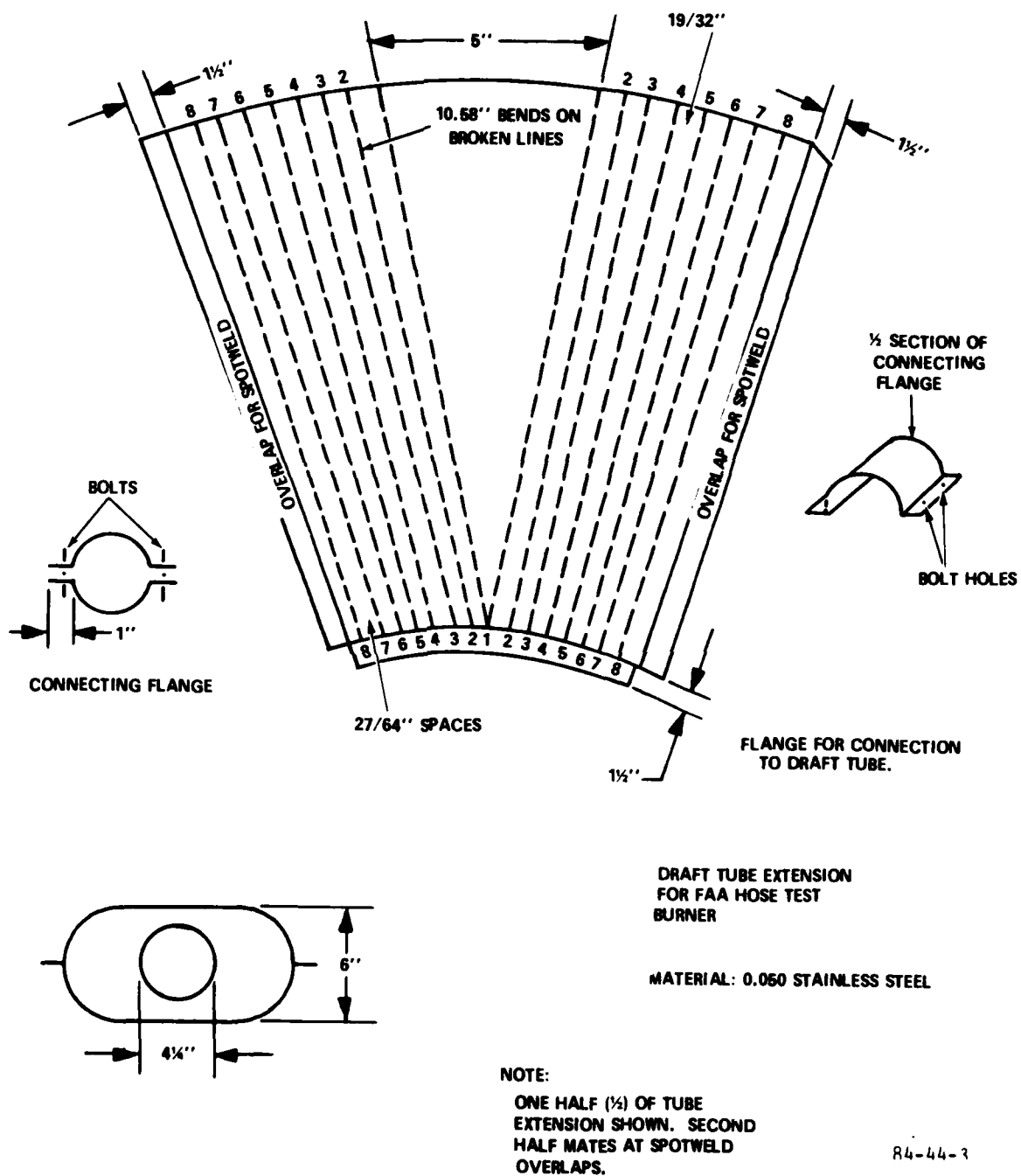


FIGURE 3. DRAFT TUBE EXTENSION FOR FAA HOSE TEST BURNER

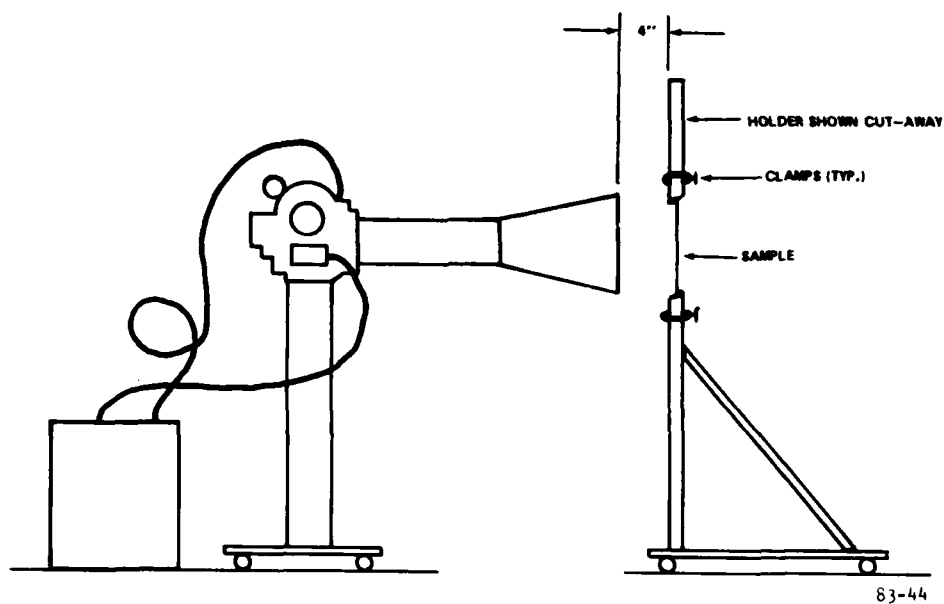
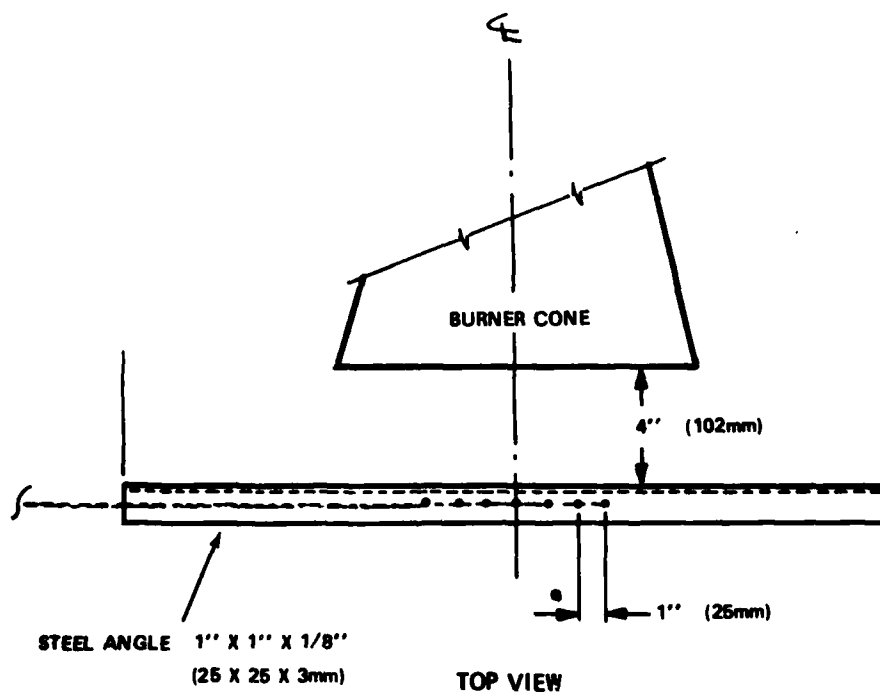
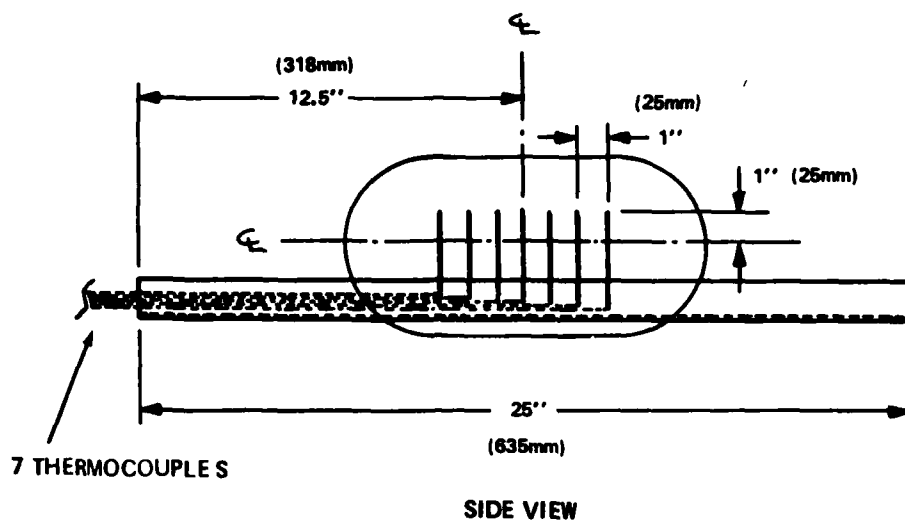


FIGURE 4. 2-GALLON/HOUR BURNER WITH VERTICAL SAMPLE MOUNTING

|        | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    | 7    | 8    | 9    | 10   | 11   |
|--------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 6 3/4" | 1582 | 1569 | 1525 | 1424 | 1433 | 1694 | 1699 | 1665 | 1681 | 1649 | 1269 |
| 6"     | 1649 | 1721 | 1717 | 1813 | 1868 | 1887 | 1804 | 1743 | 1740 | 1726 | 1394 |
| 5"     | 1658 | 1966 | 1933 | 1980 | 1962 | 1957 | 1924 | 1933 | 1863 | 1712 | 1428 |
| 4"     | 1582 | 1840 | 1896 | 1905 | 1910 | 1910 | 1915 | 1924 | 1813 | 1609 | 1269 |
| 3"     | 1402 | 1690 | 1735 | 1762 | 1744 | 1717 | 1781 | 1730 | 1547 | 1359 | 1057 |
| 2"     | 756  | 1128 | 1346 | 1350 | 1329 | 1286 | 1372 | 1389 | 1209 | 1023 | 846  |
| 1"     | 515  | 666  | 769  | 760  | 731  | 735  | 820  | 760  | 693  | 606  | 584  |
| 0"     | 466  | 528  | 511  | 580  | 545  | 545  | 602  | 558  | 532  | 488  | 515  |

FIGURE 5. 2-GALLON/HOUR BURNER TEMPERATURE PROFILE



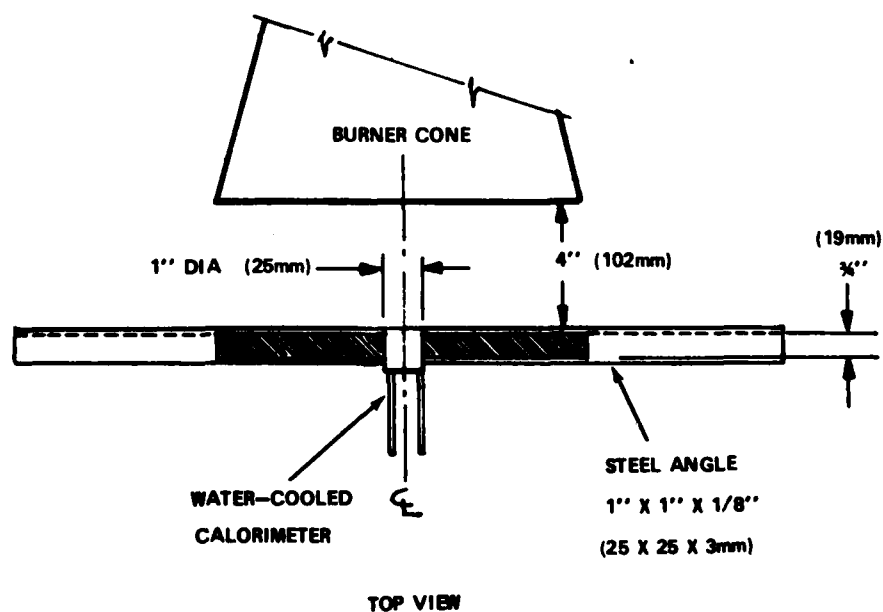
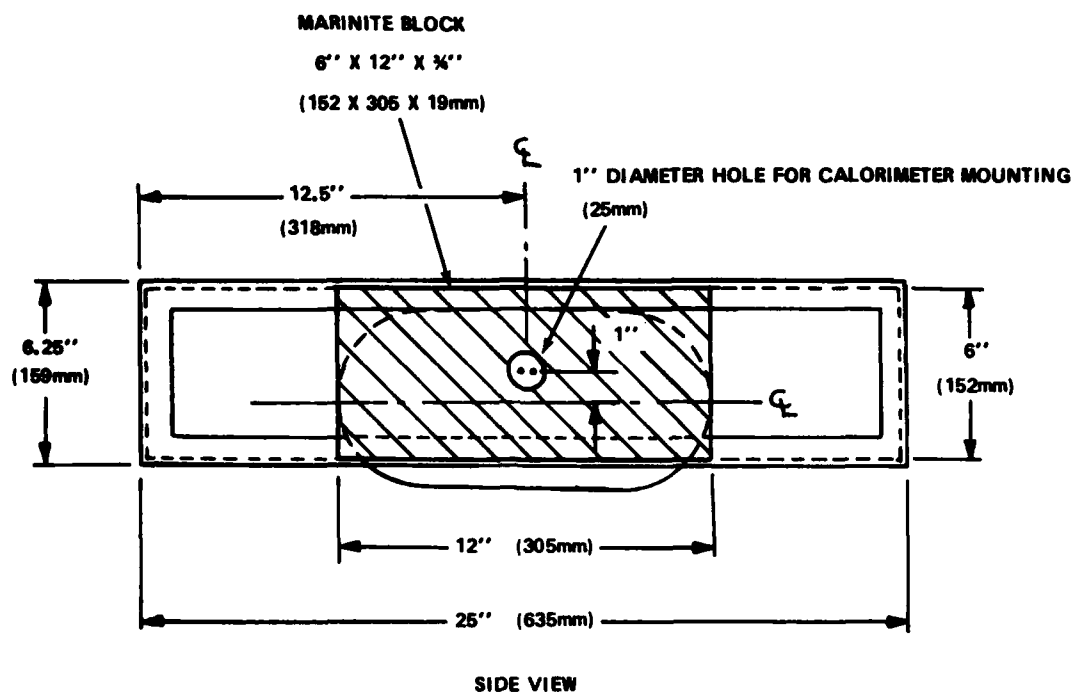


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**THERMOCOUPLE RAKE BRACKET (SERIES ONE - VERTICAL SAMPLE MOUNTING)**

**NOTE: BRACKET WAS CLAMPED TO TEST STAND, THERMOCOUPLES OFF-CENTER OF BURNER CONE BY ONE INCH**

**FIGURE 6. THERMOCOUPLE RAKE BRACKET (SERIES ONE)**

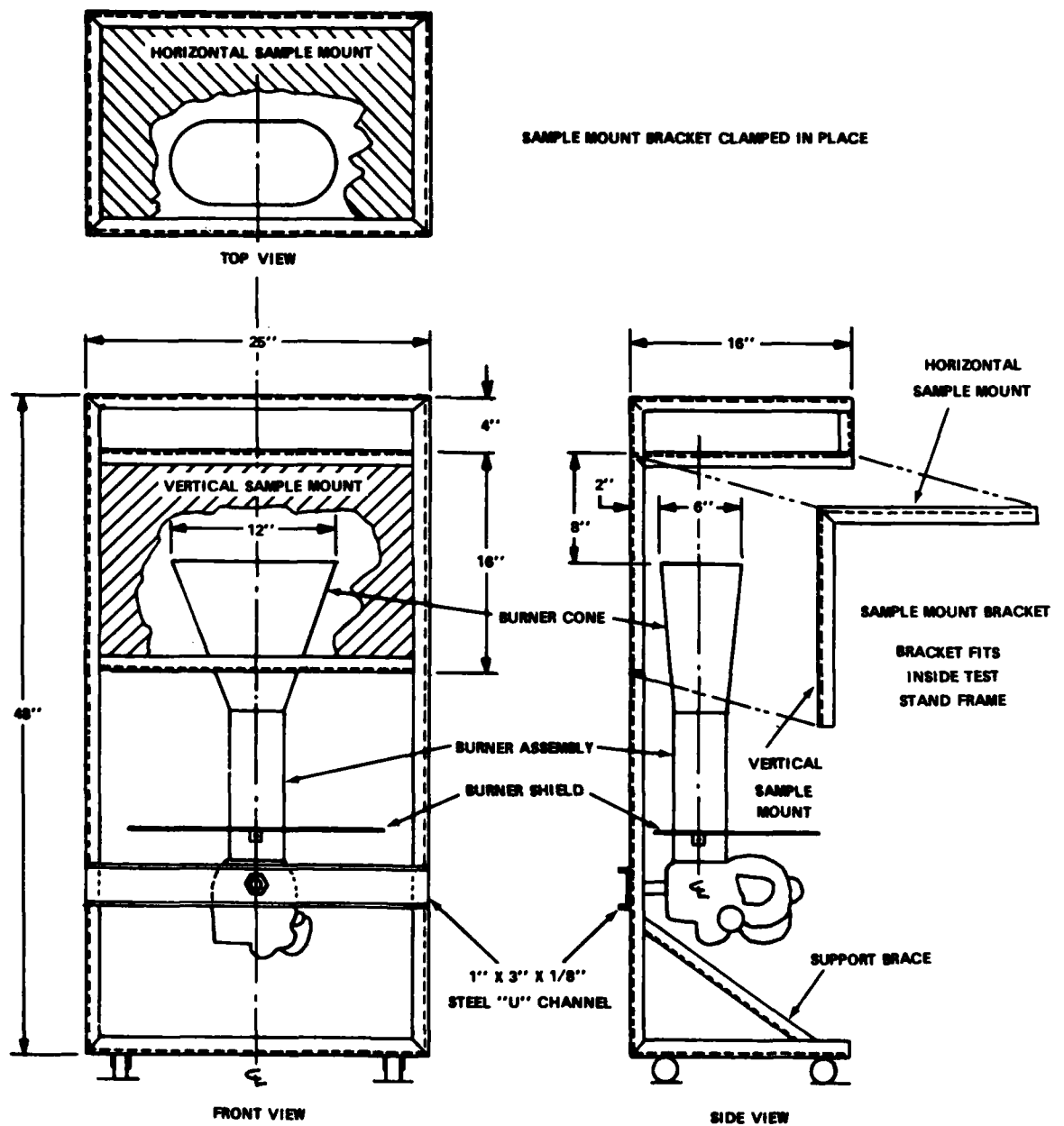


CALORIMETER BRACKET (SERIES ONE - VERTICAL SAMPLE MOUNTING)

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NOTE: BRACKET WAS CLAMPED TO TEST STAND, CALORIMETER OFF-CENTER OF BURNER CONE BY ONE INCH

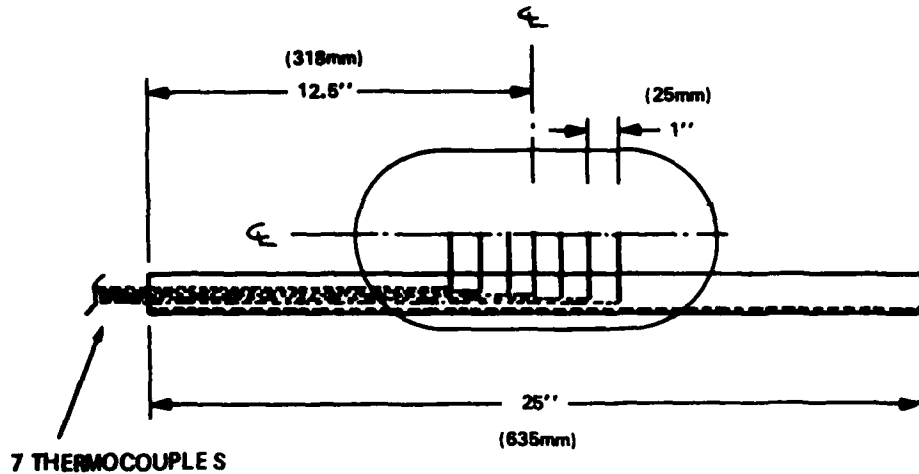
FIGURE 7. CALORIMETER BRACKET (SERIES ONE)



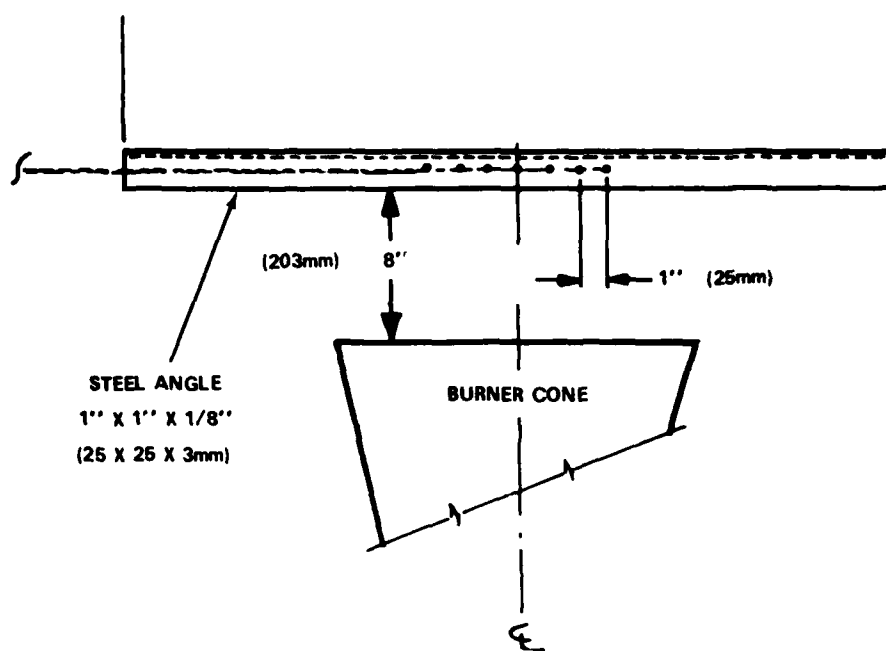
NOTE: TEST STAND CONSTRUCTED WITH 1" X 1" X 1/8" STEEL ANGLE ALL JOINTS WELDED

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FIGURE 8. 2-GALLON/HOUR BURNER WITH HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL SAMPLE MOUNTING



TOP VIEW



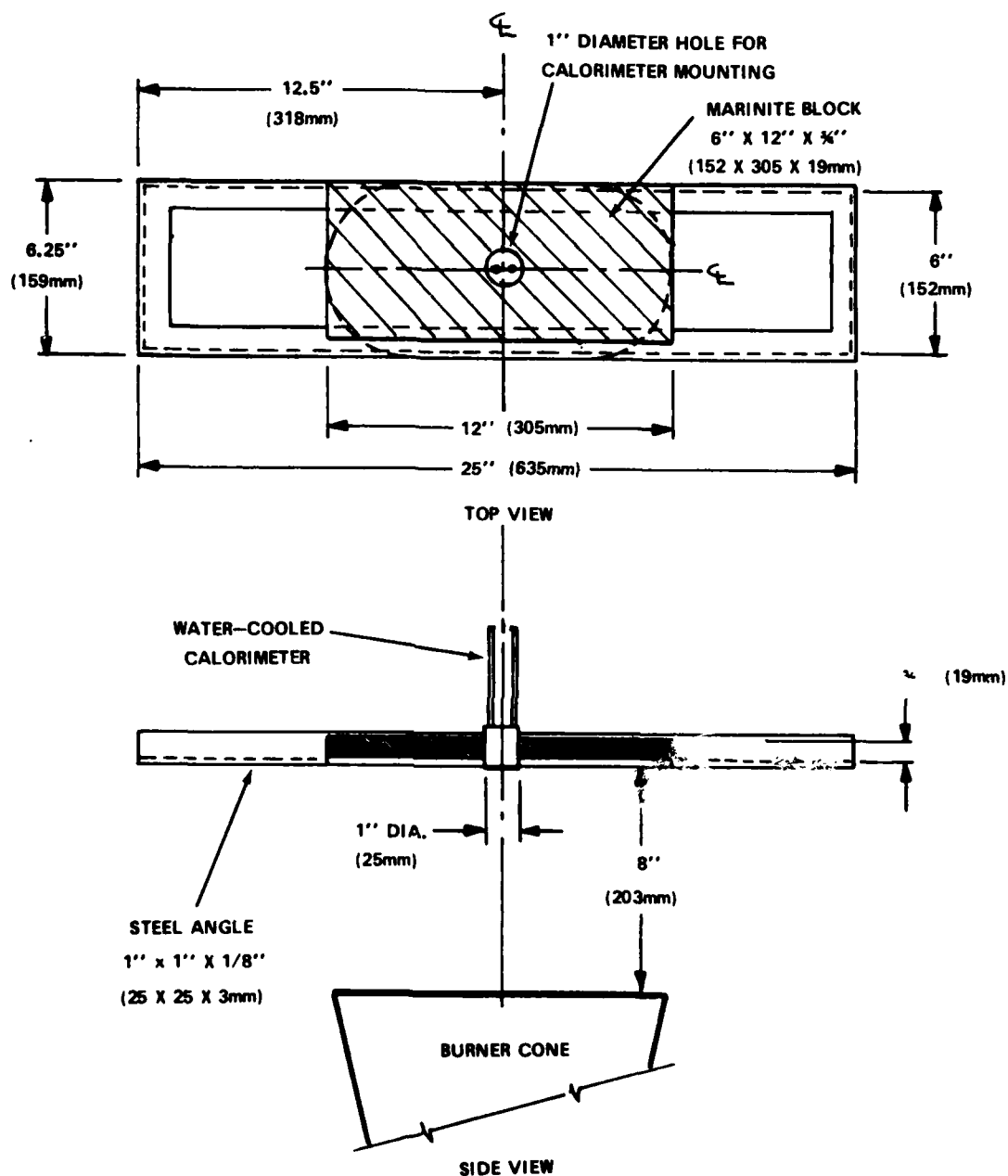
SIDE VIEW

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THERMOCOUPLE RAKE BRACKET  
(SERIES TWO - HORIZONTAL/VERTICAL SAMPLE MOUNTING)

NOTE: BRACKET WAS CLAMPED TO TEST STAND, THERMOCOUPLES CENTERED OVER BURNER CONE.

FIGURE 9. THERMOCOUPLE RAKE BRACKET (SERIES TWO)

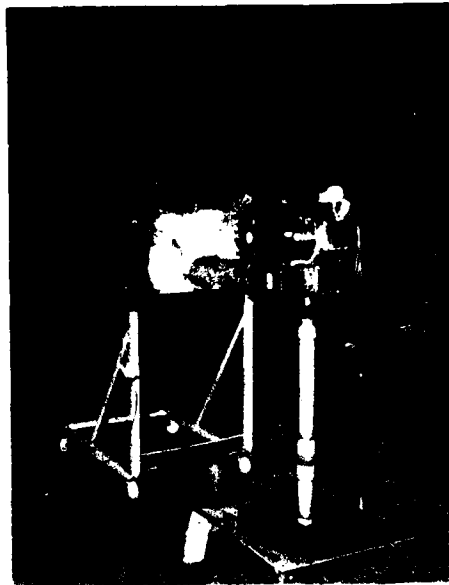


CALORIMETER BRACKET (SERIES TWO - HORIZONTAL/VERTICAL SAMPLE MOUNTING)

NOTE: BRACKET WAS CLAMPED TO TEST STAND, CALORIMETER CENTERED OVER BURNER CONE.

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FIGURE 10. CALORIMETER BRACKET (SERIES TWO)



FIBERGLASS EPOXY



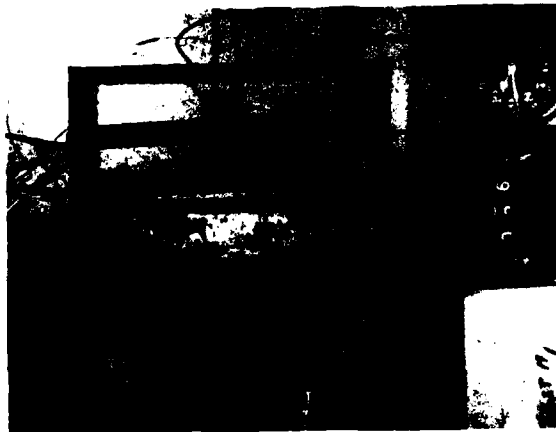
NOMEX EPOXY

FIGURE 11. FIBERGLASS AND NOMEX SAMPLES FROM SERIES ONE



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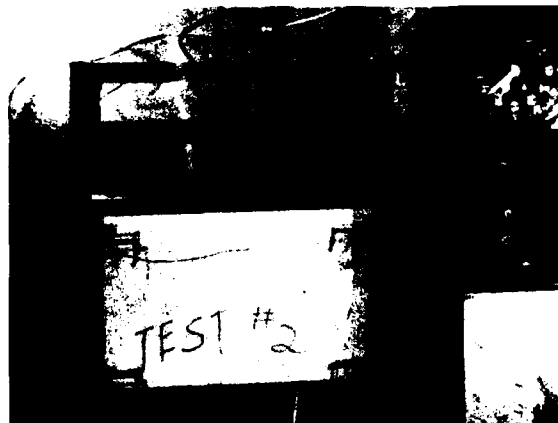
DURING

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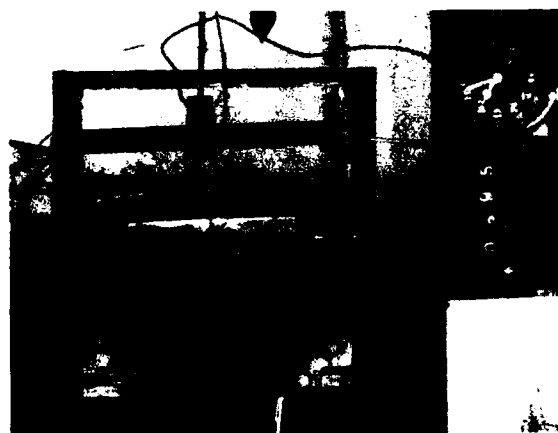
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FIGURE 12. SERIES TWO - TEST 1 - NONWOVEN FIBERGLASS



START

0s



DURING

+210s



AFTER

+301s

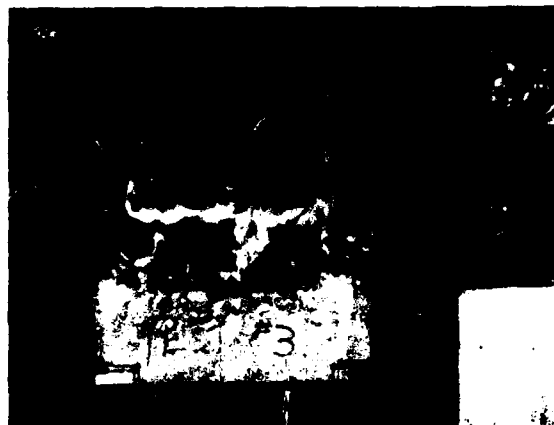
FIGURE 13. SERIES TWO - TEST 2 - WOVEN FIBERGLASS





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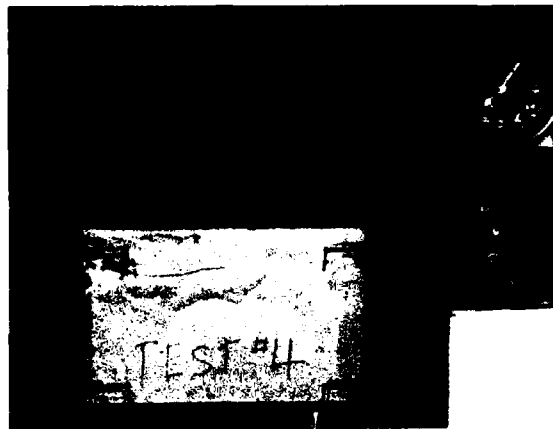
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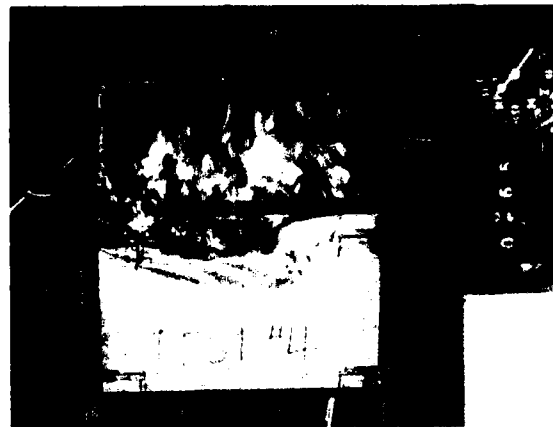
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FIGURE 14. SERIES TWO - TEST 3 - WOVEN FIBERGLASS TOP AND NOMEX™ SIDE



START

+12s



DURING

+20s



AFTER

+46s

FIGURE 15. SERIES TWO - TEST 4 - NOMEX™



START

+2s



DURING

+15s



AFTER

+31s

FIGURE 16. SERIES TWO - TEST 5 - KELVAR™



START

+0s



DURING

+24s



AFTER

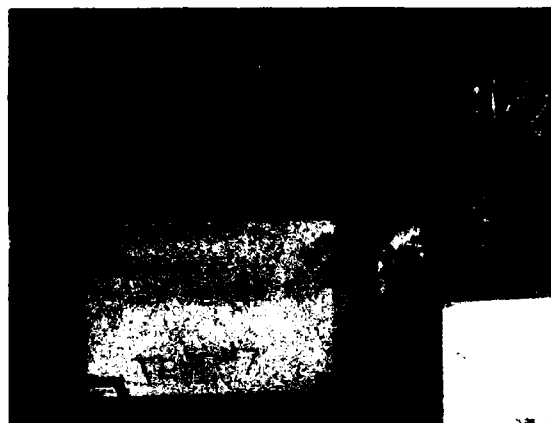
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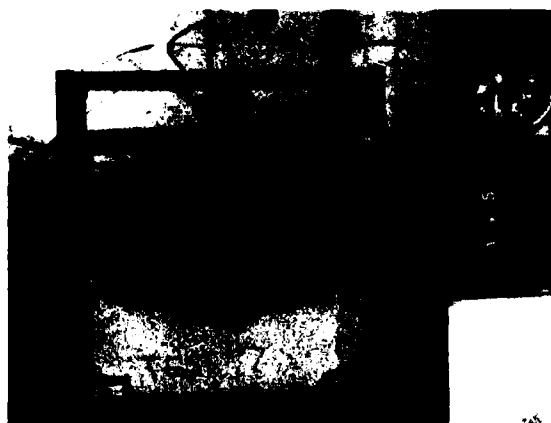
START

+8s



DURING

+27s



AFTER

+88s

FIGURE 18. SERIES TWO - TEST 7 - KELVAR™

# APPENDIX A

## LIST OF MATERIALS TESTED

| MATERIAL DESCRIPTION      | THICKNESS (INCHES)/<br>WEIGHT (OZ/YD2) | AIRCRAFT | COMPARTMENT<br>CLASS |
|---------------------------|--|----------|----------------------|
| Nomex/Epoxy               | 0.027 / 26.5                           | L-1011   | C,D                  |
| Woven Fiberglass/Epoxy    | 0.034 / 47.0                           | L-1011   | C,D                  |
| Nonwoven Fiberglass/Epoxy | 0.020 / 26.4                           | DC-10    | C,D                  |
| Kevlar/Epoxy              | 0.020 / 14.9                           | B-767    | C                    |
| Kevlar/Epoxy              | 0.042 / 47.5                           | B-757    | C                    |
| Kevlar/Epoxy              | 0.017 / 14.4                           | B-757    | C                    |
| Kevlar/epoxy              | 0.050 / 47.9                           | B-767    | C                    |

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APPENDIX B

2-GALLON/HOUR BURNER SPECIFICATIONS

Fuel Flow - 2.0 Gallons-Per-Hour

Motor - 1/4 H.P. 3450 RPM

Blower Wheel - 3.5 X 5.25 Inches

Pump - Single Stage

Tube Extension - 4.125 X 11 Inches

Heat Flux - 10.0 Btu/ft<sup>2</sup>-s. Measures with a Thermogage Calorimeter (reference 4)

Heat Transfer to 1/2-Inch Copper Tube - 4500 Btu/Hour (reference 3)

The Park Oil Burner used in this study contains a 2.25 gallon-per-hour 80-degree nozzle operated at a pressure of 85 psig, delivering 2.03-gallons-per-hour. Air pressure in the air tube, or burner tube, was adjusted to produce 0.17 inches of water.

The Park Oil Burner is a suitable replacement for the Lennox Burner and can be obtained from the following address:

Park Oil Burner Mfg. Co.  
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Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401

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